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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on February 8, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 188, 2/2/2017; SB 189, 2/2/2017

00:00:03 Vice Chair Lang assumed the role as Chair.

HEARING ON SB 189

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:43 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 189, Revise protest provisions for special districts.

[EXHIBIT](#)(los28a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:13 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:43 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:35 Chair Lang
00:10:57 Ms. Lynch, MLCT
00:11:18 Sen. Sesso
00:11:57 Sen. Regier
00:12:01 Sen. Sesso
00:13:08 Sen. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:56 Sen. Regier

00:14:26 Chair Lang

HEARING ON SB 188

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:37 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 188, Revise authority to create special districts.

[EXHIBIT](#)(los28a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:42 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:47 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:21:44 John MacDonald, city of Missoula

00:23:24 Greg Dorrington, city of Bozeman

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:58 Sen. Sesso

00:25:23 Ms. Lynch, MLCT

00:26:14 Sen. Sesso

00:26:55 Ms. Lynch

00:27:35 Sen. Sesso

00:27:55 Ms. Lynch

00:28:31 Sen. Sesso

00:29:01 Sen. Regier

00:29:35 Sen. Sesso

00:29:45 Chair Lang

00:30:04 Mr. Dorrington, Bozeman

00:30:12 Chair Lang

00:30:24 Sen. Hoven

00:30:47 Ms. Lynch

00:32:56 Sen. Fitzpatrick

00:33:25 Ms. Lynch

00:34:03 Sen. Fitzpatrick

00:34:19 Ms. Lynch

00:35:00 Sen. Fitzpatrick

00:35:18 Ms. Lynch

00:35:28 Mr. Bryson, MACo

00:35:48 Sen. MacDonald

00:36:39 Ms. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:33 Sen. Regier

00:37:52 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:39 PM

Tia Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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